
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

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Community Capacity

Purpose and History

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Community Capacity appropriation provides funding intended to strengthen the public health system at the local level. This is achieved through programs run by the IDPH and programs run by third-party entities through sole-source contracts, awards, and requests for proposals. The following programs and initiatives are currently or were funded in whole or in part through this appropriation in the current and previous fiscal year include:

- Primary Care Recruitment and Retention Endeavor (PRIMECARRE) Program: Established in Iowa Code section 135.107, the Program transfers funds to the College Student Aid Commission for deposit in the Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program and Trust Fund to implement the Iowa Loan Repayment Program. This Program repays education loans of primary care clinical services located in rural, federally designated health care professional shortage areas. State funds are used for a one-to-one match for the federal loan repayment grant. Loan repayment awards are made to an average of eight health professionals a year who commit to serve in shortage areas for two years. Funds are also transferred to the Iowa Primary Care Trust Fund, although this transfer was eliminated for FY 2018.
- Fulfilling Iowa's Need for Dentists (FIND) Loan Repayment Project: The Iowa FIND Project fills a niche that the PRIMECARRE Program cannot due to federal criteria. The FIND Project award recipients agree to practice dentistry in a designated dentist shortage area and devote at least 35.0% of their practice to Medicaid-eligible, elderly, disabled, and other underserved patients over a three-year period. The FIND Project is a collaborative effort with Delta Dental of Iowa, the Iowa Area Development Group, the IDPH, and the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics.
- Psychology Postdoctoral Internship Program: The Psychology Internship Program is separate from the PRIMECARRE Program and fills a niche for Iowa that PRIMECARRE cannot due to federal criteria. The Program is not a loan repayment program, but instead focuses on increasing Iowans'

More Information

Iowa Department of Public Health: www.idph.iowa.gov
Primary Care Recruitment and Retention Endeavor (PRIMECARRE): idph.iowa.gov/ohds/rural-health-primary-care/primecarre
Fulfilling Iowa's Need for Dentists: www.iowafindproject.com
Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems: idph.iowa.gov/ohds
Bureau of Local Public Health Services: idph.iowa.gov/lphs
Iowa KidSight: medicine.uiowa.edu/kidsight
Prevent Blindness Iowa: iowa.preventblindness.org
Public Health Modernization Initiative: idph.iowa.gov/mphi
Iowa Health Information Network: www.ihin.org
Volunteer Health Care Provider Program: idph.iowa.gov/ohds/iowa-health-workforce/vhcpp
Direct Care Workforce Initiative: idph.iowa.gov/directcare
Prepare to Care: directcare.training-source.org
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access to mental health services by creating new opportunities for doctoral-level psychologists to complete a required rotation in Iowa as opposed to leaving the State. The Program targets health professional shortage areas and rural areas. The IDPH contracts with the Iowa Psychological Association (IPA) to develop psychologist postdoctoral training programs in rural and underserved areas.

- Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems: Created in Iowa Code section 135.15, the Bureau strives to achieve open access to optimal oral health care for all Iowans.
- Bureau of Local Public Health Services: This Bureau promotes and supports development of public health infrastructure at the local and State level. This includes consultation by regional community health consultants with local boards of health and provision of technical assistance regarding the role and responsibilities of local boards. General funds for the local public health liaison are used for a maintenance-of-effort match for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. County boards of health also receive funds to support core public health functions, including home health care and public health nursing services, through the Essential Public Health Services appropriation.
- Iowa KidSight: Iowa KidSight is a child vision screening program that is a joint project of the University of Iowa Children's Hospital, the Lions Clubs of Iowa, and Early Childhood Iowa Areas. The goal of the Program is to enhance the early detection and treatment of vision impairments in young children (target population being six months of age through kindergarten) in Iowa communities through screening and public education.
- Prevent Blindness Iowa: This Program seeks to increase statewide vision screening programs to children through volunteers and nurses, and is specifically targeted at children in child care centers and schools. The Program includes training, certification, and all necessary vision screening materials. Funding for this Program was eliminated for FY 2018.
- Mental Health Workforce Initiatives: This group of programs includes several recruitment and training projects targeting the mental health workforce, including the University of Iowa Mental Health Training Program, the Cherokee Mental Health Training Program, the Psychologist Intern Program, and an initiative to improve outcomes for mental health treatment in primary care settings operated by the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Funding for these programs was eliminated at different times by FY 2018.
- Public Health Modernization: This appropriation provided for a transfer of funds for the work and administration of the Public Health Modernization Act in Iowa Code chapter 135A. Of the funds available, at least 70.0% are required to be for local boards of health, and up to 30.0% are permitted to be used by the IDPH. This transfer was eliminated for FY 2018.
- E-Health, also known as the Iowa Health Information Network (IHIN): This appropriation provided partial funding for staffing support for the operation of the IHIN. The rest of the operational costs of the IHIN are derived from fees. Pursuant to 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 73 (IHIN Transition Act), the IDPH transitioned the governance and administration of the Network to a nonprofit entity in the spring of 2017. Funding for this Program was eliminated for FY 2018.
- Volunteer Health Care Provider Program: Established in Iowa Code section 135.24, this Program's goal is to increase volunteerism by competent health care professionals by offering employer tort claim protection to eligible volunteer health care providers and eligible clinics providing free health care services in Iowa.
- Iowa Donor Registry: This appropriation provides funding to the Iowa Donor Network to administer the Iowa Donor Registry established in Iowa Code chapter 142C.
- Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network: This appropriation provides funding to implement Iowa Code section 135.153, establishing the Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network. Funding includes the Safety Net Pharmaceutical Infrastructure Program, free clinics, rural health care clinics, and specialty health care initiatives. There have previously been a number of pilots and initiatives also funded.

- Direct Care Workers Initiative: Funding from this appropriation promotes and maintains the Prepare to Care (P2C) curriculum, a comprehensive, cross-discipline training package that prepares participants to work in a variety of direct care settings. The curriculum includes a core training course that provides basic foundational knowledge, an introduction to the profession, and five advanced training courses. Advanced certification as a community living professional, personal support professional, or health support professional can be achieved by taking a written examination at any Iowa community college after completion of required courses. The University of Iowa College of Nursing is responsible for updating, maintaining, and disseminating the curriculum and instructor training. Funding also supports promotion and education related to direct care workforce issues.
- Medical Residency Training Program: Pursuant to Iowa Code section 135.176, this Program seeks to establish, expand, or support medical residency training programs, with priority given to family practice or psychiatric residency programs. Funding for this Program was suspended for FY 2018.

Funding – State General Fund

The Community Capacity General Fund budget unit appropriation is included in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act. Prior to FY 2011, appropriations to the IDPH Community Capacity Programs were also provided from the Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust Fund and the Health Care Trust Fund.

Funding – Other Sources of Revenue

Depending on the program, there are additional federal funds, other funds, and fees that play a part in the operation of these programs. Generally, if these are programs operated by the IDPH, the funds are tracked separately in the IDPH Gifts & Grants Fund.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [135](#), [135A](#), and [142C](#)

Iowa Code sections [135.15](#), [135.24](#), [135.107](#), [135.153](#), and [135.176](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [641—50](#), [641—80](#), [641—88](#), [641—108](#), [641—110](#), and [641—206](#)